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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION: PROTEST

REF: MOSCOW 12011

1. THE CHARGE SHOULD SEEK AN IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT AT AN
APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN MFA AND DELIVER THE FOLLOWING NOTE.
CHARGE IS AUTHORIZED IF NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE FACTS IF
THEY DO NOT ACCURATELY STATE THE CASE LOCALLY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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INFORMS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS THAT THE EMBASSY HAS UNCOVERED A
SECRET LISTENING POST AND ELECTRONIC SPYING DEVICES WITHIN
ITS CHANCERY BUILDING AND AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL EXTENDING A
CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE THROUGH THE EMBASSY'S PROPERTY CONNECT-
ING THIS INSTALLATION WITH A NEIGHBORING SOVIET APARTMENT
BUILDING. FOLLOWING DISCOVERY OF THIS INSTALLATION, THE

ELECTRONIC CABLES OPERATING THE POST WERE FOUND TO BE ENERGIZED. MOREOVER, SOVIET PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN OBSERVED TO ENTER AND OCCUPY THE TUNNEL FROM THE END CONNECTING TO THE SOVIET APARTMENT BUILDING. THUS THERE CAN BE ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT THIS LISTENING POST HAS BEEN ACTIVELY OPERATED BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

THE EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO PROTEST THIS CRUDE INTRUSION INTO ITS CHANCERY. IT IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND RUNS COUNTER TO EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THE EMBASSY DEMANDS IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT THE MINISTRY TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO SUCH INTRUSIONS INTO THE EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC PREMISES. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACTION REST FULLY WITH THE SOVIET SIDE.

THE UNITED STATES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THIS MATTER AND TO TAKE ACTIONS IT DEEMS NECESSARY WHEN IT HAS COMPLETED ITS INVESTIGATION. END TEXT.

3. THE CHARGE MAY STATE ORALLY THAT THIS EVENT HAS AROUSED A STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION IN WASHINGTON WHERE SOVIET ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES HAVE ALREADY BECOME A CAUSE OF INCREASING CONCERN. CHARGE SHOULD, IN SECRET

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DELIVERING THE NOTE, ALSO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EAVES-DROPPING EQUIPMENT AND RELATED INSTALLATION.

4. CHARGE SHOULD STATE ORALLY THAT THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF MAY 28 IS SO PATENTLY FALSE AND SO ABSURD AS TO BE INSULTING, AND THAT HE IS INSTRUCTED NOT TO REPLY BUT TO ORALLY REJECT IT OUT OF HAND. CHARGE MAY MAKE POINTS AND SHOW DOCUMENTS AS SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL, BUT SHOULD AVOID LETTING POINT OF DEMARCHE APPEAR TO BE REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE. POINT SHOULD BE OUR PROTEST OF THEIR INTRUSION INTO AND SPYING ON OUR PROPERTY.

5. AMBASSADOR TOON CONCURS. VANCE

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